

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of an RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA (and 102(e)/103 removal for commonly owned applications). See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice Interim Rule*, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1293 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000); 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000), which established RCE practice. [Note that § 1.114 also requires prosecution to be closed to use an RCE.]

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- ☒ Amendment or Reply
 - ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - ☐ Other

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) (required))
- b. ☐ Other

3. Fees [The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.]


- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.
- ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) - \$790.00
 - ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17). Please grant any required extension of time.
 - ☐ Other
- b. ☐ A return receipt postcard is enclosed.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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